Weaving a Web of Data

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scientist













(previously)



semantic web lead







director











president







about zepheira

- firm offering Semantic technologies solutions bridging technology, business and people
- team of leaders in next generation Web technologies and business applications
- founded in 2007, already featured in MIT Tech Review, BusinessWeek, eWeek, Investors Business Daily, etc.

common theme



decentralized data management



free data from applications



reduce costs to find, reuse, share information



accelerate business, science and personal discovery

my goals today



challenge



stimulate







make you curious



make you think



Pop Quiz



When did we get to Web I.0 ?



the Web



pages and links







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	Known for his vision and leadership roles in the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative at OCLC and the Semantic Web Initiative for W3C at MIT, Eric	
	Miller will discuss how leveraging Semantic Web standards can enable	
	organizations achieve data interoperability for seamless integration of	
	online products and often disparate product components in a Service	
	Oriented Architecture environment. Eric will elucidate the RDF data model and the use of Microformats in surfacing online data.	
	Eric Miller is the President of Zepheira, The Art of Data, which provides	
	solutions to effectively integrate, navigate and manage information across	
	boundaries of person, group and enterprise. Dr. Miller is highly sought after as an adviser to businesses and other organizations and speaker at	
	conferences worldwide, providing insights on the evolution of the Web.	
	Eric holds a Research Scientist position at MIT's Computer Science and	
	Artificial Intelligence Laboratory where he is a Principal Investigator on the	
	MIT SIMILE project focused on developing robust, open source tools based	
	on Semantic Web technologies that improve access, management and reuse among digital resources.	



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i want my data!


most of the web is

- designed for direct human consumption
- homogenous linking ("points at")
- data is hidden



web trends

- people
- interfaces
- 're-useful' data



data rich, access poor

- no common format for representing data
- no easy way of polling site / query page



brute force



very few sites are done by aggregating other web site's data



for example





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mash-ups

- mix data from different sites to provide added value
- the mashed sites don't need to be involved
- hybrid client-server model client on one side, server on the other





Data Dies in the Browser





Data Dies in the Browser

In Loving Memory of Our Mashup 2/28/2007-2/28/2007



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mash-up problems

- data is mostly locked up in pages
- each web site is different
- and keeps changing



mash-up problems

- very blurry lines between use and fair-use
- even after extraction, data needs to be modeled so that it can be mashed
- a mashed-up web site looks like another web site (so difficult for further mashing)



mashing in short

- extremely useful
- hard
- doesn't cascade



so what do we do?



web of data

- making mash-ups easier
- making cascades possible



semantic web



semantic web

- free data from application boundaries
- enabling data integration and reuse
- across application, departmental, organization and community boundaries
- capability to draw new conclusions
- share with others



example: where to stay?



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enabling 'data' technologies

- RDF
- OWL
- SKOS
- GRDDL
- SPARQL



evolution and revolution

• Web

- evolution not revolution
- easier way of "joining" web sites

Business

- a quiet revolution
- and about to get very loud



in the enterprise





recombinant data

- the ability to rapidly recombine, reform, refactor and reuse data from different applications to address a particular task, need or objective
- across private, semi-private, public data sources



market indicators



























and many others...



strategic acquisitions





even more open source tools / stories



and coupled with new rich client front ends makes for some very exciting possibilities



Timeline



Timeplot

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back to business

- accelerate collaboration and knowledge exchange
- minimize data duplication / enable data reuse
- connect, reuse, republish
- move effective Business Intelligence
- adaptable systems to changing business needs

business as a web

- the Web's problems are Enterprise problems writ large
- silos, change, multiple participants, formats, too much data, etc.
- brittle systems
- "solved" by common addressing, linking, data frameworks

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empowering users

share data

- stitch data together "as needed"
- share linkages
- make more effective decisions



empowering enterprises

share data

- stitch data together "as needed"
- share linkages
- make more effective decisions



accelerating communities

• collective intelligence



accelerating business

coordinated intelligence



which translates into..

- more effective business intelligence
- more effective discovery
- Iess redundancy / duplication
- agility, adaptability
- decreased costs / increased savings



a perfect('esq) storm

- business and IT strategies can no longer afford to be misaligned
- traditional corporate IT strategies are not as effective in dynamic, changing environments
- costs for leveraging Web technologies for managing data are less than the cost not to

the web

- strategic development platform
- combination of enabling (open!) standards and technologies
 - greater than the sum of individual parts
- web evolves as communities evolve
- shaping each other



breaking boundaries

- communities
- corporations
- governments





- new business models and opportunities
- new ways of sharing
- new ways of learning



and that is a very good thing :)



obstacles?



several... but here are a few



challenge :: education



good news ...



growing awareness in business, media, conferences, etc.



your listening



i hope :)



challenge :: content



data dilemma

- costs for creating non-interoperable data radically dropping
- need for integrating data radically increasing



content creation

- example: wiki, blogs, etc.
- small footprint (easy to install, create)
- easy to miss (from IT standpoint)
- easy to create many stove-pipes (from KM standpoint)
- regulatory nightmare

Same Data, Different Form





many options

- microformats
- GRDDL
- RDF/A



good news ...









enterprise web of data

- wiki, blog, templates
- wrappers expose existing data stores
- ground-up, as needed data integration
- flexible architectures to adapt to changing business needs (and indicators where new ones can be found)

challenge :: persistence



good news ...











challenge :: governance



who to trust?



data policies



good news ...



same data framework



challenge :: interfaces


how to take advantage of recombinant data



but hide complexity to end user



good news ...



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many others...



we now have many of the design pieces in place



and tools are being built even as we speak



can you afford to ignore it?



more important imagine the potential



thank you



questions?

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appendix



data dilemma

- costs for creating non-interoperable data radically dropping
- need for integrating data radially increasing



content creation

- wiki, blogs
- simple footprint
- easy to install, easy to create
- from IT management standpoint, easy to miss



wiki, blogs

- inward facing
- outward facing
- regulatory issues
- painfully able to create more silos



microformats

"Designed for humans first and machines second, microformats are a set of simple, open data formats built upon existing and widely adopted standards. Instead of throwing away what works today, microformats intend to solve simpler problems first by adapting to current behaviors and usage patterns"

-microformats.org



Same Data, Different Form





basic idea

- embed minor, specialized variations within established vocabularies
- start with base schema such as HTML
- define specialized variations
 - conventions for attribution, friends, calendars, etc.

example

Google nofollow

Nice blog. Buy your medz here

XFN

<div class='blogroll'> <a href="<u>http://purl.org/net/brian</u>/" rel="brother met">Brian </div>

vote-links

We decided not to implement <a rev="vote-against" href="<u>http://www.w3.org/TR/xquery/</u>" title="way too complex">XQuery...

a seriously mixed bag

- the good: rough consensus is good, even for minor syntactic details
- the bad: it's very easy for microformats to clash, because of lack of Semantic grounding
- the ugly: formats get ugly real fast (e.g. XOXO) when you try to tunnel one set of semantic into another

GRDDL

- "Gleaning Resource Descriptions from Dialects of Languages"
- W3C Proposed Recomendation for using transforms such as XSLT to convert XML to RDF
- piggy-backs off microformat profiles



example

Main GRDDL declaration

<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"> <head profile="http://www.w3.org/2003/g/data-view"> <title>Some Document</title> <link rel="transformation" href="http://www.w3.org/2000/06/dc-extract/dc-extract.xsl" /> <meta name="DC.Subject" content="Semantic Search" /> ...

</head>

</html>

link to GRDDL transform

result

<rdf:RDF

xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#" >
<rdf:Description rdf:about="">
<dc:title>Some Document</dc:title>
<dc:subject>Semantic Search</dc:subject>
</rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>

Gleaned from XHTML



RDF/A

- RDF/A is a system for embedding data right into XHTML documents using similar ideas t microformats
- Eliminates extra transform step required by GRDDL to extract RDF



microformat example

<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">

<head>

<title>Some Document</title>

</head>

<body>

```
This document is licensed under a
<a rel="license" href="<u>http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/2.5/</u>">
Creative Commons Non-Commercial License </a>.
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</body> </html>



RDF/A example

<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"

xmlns:cc="http://creativecommons.org/licenses/">

<head>

<title>Some Document</title>

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<body>

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